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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACKS IN JOHANNESBURG

1. UNKNOWN TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE JOHANNESBURG HOMES OF TWO PROMINENT ANTI-SAG CRITICS WITHIN A 30-MINUTE PERIOD IN THE EARLY HOURS OF AUGUST 15. THE FIRST ATTACK CONSISTED OF TWO OR MORE SHOTGUN BLASTS THROUGH THE LIVING ROOM WINDOW OF MRS. HELEN JOSEPH (73), ONE OF THE "SILENT WHITES" IN THE WINNIE MANDELA CASE AND THE FIRST PERSON TO BE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN SOUTH AFRICA. JOSEPH TOLD EMBOFF ON AUGUST 15 THAT SHE AWOKE AROUND 0100 TO THE SOUND OF AT LEAST TWO SHOTGUN BLASTS FOLLOWED BY THE SOUND OF A CAR SPEEDING AWAY. JOSEPH SAID THE TOTAL DAMAGE WAS UNDER \$60 AND COMMENTED "I WAS GOING TO GET THE HOUSE PAINTED NEXT WEEK ANYWAY". JOSEPH SAID SHE RECEIVED SEVERAL ABUSIVE CALLS ON AUGUST 15 INCLUDING ONE IN WHICH SHE WAS TOLD "NEXT TIME YOU ARE GOING TO GET IT BETWEEN THE EYES."

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2. THE SECOND TERRORIST ATTACK CONSISTED OF A PETROL BOMB HURLED AT THE CAR OF (BANNED) DR. BEYERS NAUDE OUTSIDE HIS JOHANNESBURG HOME. ONE OF NAUDE'S NEIGHBORS EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE; THE NAUDES SLEPT THROUGH THE INCIDENT. NAUDE TOLD EMBOFF ON AUGUST 16 THAT HE WAS "SURPRISED THIS TYPE OF THING HADN'T OCCURRED EARLIER...

IN A SOCIETY LIKE OURS, IT IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO
LIVE WITH." THE POLICE ARE ALLEGEDLY
INVESTIGATING BOTH INCIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THERE HAVE BEEN
MORE THAN 600 INCIDENTS OF RIGHT-WING TERROR IN SOUTH
AFRICA OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS. VERY FEW OF THESE CASES
HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY THE POLICE. AS NAUDE COMMENTED,
WHITE CRITICES OF THE SYSTEM EXPECT TO FACE AN INCREASED
NUMBER OF SIMILAR ATTACKS IN THE FUTURE.

4. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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